

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

DLA 17/2017 - ALM-Verification Gluten: 5 Samples containing Wheat Flour in Maize-Chips-Matrix (levels: 2,0 / 10 / 20 / 50 / 100 mg/kg)

Test material* :

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of gluten** from wheat flour as well as a „blank sample“ are provided for determination in the **matrix of maize chips**. The gluten level of the middle sample (appr. 20 mg/kg) corresponds to the Action Level 1 (VITAL concept 2.0) and judgement value of the German Commission ALTS/ALS, respectively. The 6 PT samples are blind-encoded, so that the gluten contents are not recognizable by the sample labeling.

Sample weight: 6 samples 20 g each.

* Note: Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

Methods + realisation time:

Analytical methods for qualitative and quantitative determinations are optional.

There is a 6 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted by e-mail via the provided results file.

Evaluation report:

The **evaluation** of PT-results is carried out **qualitatively** (positive/negative) in scores of 1-5 (for example score 3 = Action Level successfully identified). **Quantitative results** will be reported for information. Results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. DLA intends to finish the evaluation report within 6 weeks after deadline of results submission. Each participant receives an anonymized, complete evaluation report as a PDF-file, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done. A print-out can be sent on demand.

Registration :

The reliable order can be sent to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Further information and an online registration form can be found at www.dla-lvu.de.

Registration deadline is **22nd March 2017**.

Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 13** by package service with tracking (delivery time 2-3 days within Europe, 2-5 days worldwide).

Deadline of result submission:

Last date for submission of results **12th May 2017**.

Invoice + price :

Invoicing will be done by DLA along with the sample shipment or by our authorized partner in parallel to the sample shipment.

The price of the proficiency test is 295,-- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Please note: there can be a handling charge for delivery in non-EU countries. Our authorized partner will inform you.

Shipping costs: within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 25,00, outside Europas € 45,00, Australia and Oceania € 65,00.

Our General Terms and Conditions GTC apply: www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html